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: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed. 2.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

(37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 7, 2004.

Dated: December 7, 2004

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY			
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee		
Total	9	Minus	20	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0	
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$44 =	\$0	
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					Total Addit, Fee	\$0	

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

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